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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### China Worried

PEKING'S 14,000-word editorial published on Saturday criticises Marshal Tito only incidentally. Its chief purpose is to "consolidate unity of the international Communist ranks and avoid creating conditions which the enemy can use to cause confusion and division in our own ranks". The editorial admits wide, fundamental breaches in the Communist structure, appears to condemn extremes, but generally comes out solidly on the side of the Soviet Union.

The editorial has a temporary importance, however, and will undoubtedly be widely read in Communist parts through the world. It clears misunderstandings about the direction of Chinese policy, but it does little to heal the breach. If anything, its strictures against Marshal Tito emphasise the profound nature of the divisions now manifesting themselves in the Communist world. Peking's warning of the consequences of persisting in an independent course seems certain to fall on deaf ears. Not even the admission of Stalin's mistakes can do much to change the course adopted by Yugoslavia.

YUGOSLAV policy is not in any sense a new deviation. It began when Tito determined he would be master of his country's destiny, when he rejected Stalin's attempt to impose Soviet domination. With such sentiments as "We must continue to strengthen international proletarian solidarity with the Soviet Union at its centre", Marshal Tito could not be less sympathetic. To this extent China's attempts at reconciliation are unrealistic. Peking also betrays fears of the Communist bloc disintegrating leaving Russia and China isolated from the rest of the world.

The chief concern seems to be that Yugoslavia's contemptuous disregard of Stalin's contempt which has won him handsomely dividends both from East and West—will encourage a trend towards independence in other satellites. For "deStalinisation", which China abhors, is synonymous with "democratisation". Hungary clearly opted for this course, but it has been turned into a Russian slave state. If other satellites follow this trend and meet with similar repression the result could be as disastrous a setback to Russia as the renunciation of communism in Eastern Europe.

THE Peking editorial may therefore be seen as a call for tolerance in the satellites. But the tolerance it calls for is acquiescence to continued Russian dictatorship. It unashamedly describes Soviet action in Hungary as "righteous"—consistent, of course, with its own action in Tibet and then hypocritically criticises "great nation chauvinism" which is a complete contradiction of the basic policy it advocates throughout the editorial. This is apparently a sop to Tito, but weighed against other pronouncements, it betrays China's refusal to offend Moscow.

Throughout the editorial, China makes a careful distinction between Stalin and Stalin's mistakes. It claims Yugoslavia and many other Communists confuse the two. This is in line with the statement it made earlier this year when Stalinist iconoclasm was at its height following the Khrushchev denunciation. The distinction is one that enables China to regard Stalin as a "great Marxist-Leninist revolutionary" leaving it at the same time free to criticise his mistakes. But the editorial is not one that will win much support in the new liberal mood that is sweeping Eastern Europe and Communist parties in the West.

### New Year's Eve Of Mourning Call To Hungarians

Budapest, Dec. 30. Unsigned leaflets called on all Hungary tonight to mark a black New Year's Eve in mourning for the dead of the Hungarian revolt and in defiance of the government.

By typewritten messages and word of mouth, the call was circulated. The leaflets said any celebration of the New Year at this time would be "an insult to our heroic dead."

They called on Hungarians instead to burn candles in their windows as peaceful proof that the flame of freedom burns on. There was no clue to the source of the call for mourning at midnight when the rest of the world will be celebrating.

#### CURFEW IMPOSED

The Soviet High Command for its part clamped on the usual 10 p.m. curfew in Budapest tomorrow night even though it was completely lifted on Christmas Eve.

The underground cell for a black New Year's Eve followed just a day behind official announcements decreeing a sombre New Year's Day for tens of thousands of Hungarians.

The deeper imposed economy cuts in industry and government. Unofficial estimates indicated between 100,000 and 200,000 may be left jobless on January 1.

The government meanwhile moved to crack down on the underground railway that has poured well more than 100,000 Hungarians over the Iron Curtain to freedom in the West.

#### ARRESTS STEPPED UP

The Budapest press reported arrests were taking place in border areas of Hungary who helped fellow countrymen cross into Austria.

Reliable sources in Budapest said arrests were now apparently taking place if it could be "proved" that persons were assisting others to cross the border. Previously only persons caught red-handed were picked up.

No figures were available on the number of arrests so far.

Speculation continued that Premier Janos Kadar might make a major announcement on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

Some believed the announcement would include a statement on withdrawal of Soviet troops from Budapest and a possible coalition government including Kadar's Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, the non-Communist Smallholders and the non-Communist National Peasant Party.—United Press.

### Ministerial Reorganisation

Paris, Dec. 30. The Presidium of the Hungarian Republic has published a decree, reorganising several ministries, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported tonight in a cable from Budapest.

The Ministry of Coal and Power and the Ministry of Chemical Industry have been merged into one—the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

The Ministry of Light Industry and the Food Ministry have also been merged under one minister.

As from tomorrow the ministries of stock-piling and communal and urban economy will be disbanded, as well as the Ministry of State Agricultural Domains, and the Ministry of State Control.

The Ministry of Education has been attached to the Ministry of Culture. The state direction for church affairs and the Hungarian committee for physical culture and sport have been disbanded. Their duties will be assumed by the Ministry of Culture.—France-Press.

### DEATH OF RUTH DRAPER

New York, Dec. 30. The famous American actress, Miss Ruth Draper, died suddenly in New York today, aged 67.

She was the aunt of the dancer Paul Draper.

Ruth Draper's sudden death came as a complete surprise to Broadway. She had opened a show at the Playhouse Theatre on Christmas Eve and played twice on Saturday. She was due to give two further performances at the Playhouse on Sunday, Dec. 31, and could not be reached in time.

Although Ruth Draper was given by her agent as 67, she was 71.

## THE IRA STRIKE AGAIN Police Station Raid: Constable Killed

BELFAST, DEC. 30. MEMBERS OF THE OUTLAWED IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY WERE REPORTED LATE TONIGHT TO HAVE THROWN A BOMB AT A POLICE STATION AT DERRYLIN, COUNTY FERMANAGH, FATALLY INJURING A YOUNG POLICE MAN, CONSTABLE SEAN SCALLY, AGED 22.

The raiders, their faces blackened, surrounded the Royal Ulster Constabulary building in a rainstorm.

They threw a bomb at the door of the station and opened fire as the police came running out into the darkness.

After a five-minute gun duel, the raiders made a complete getaway into the dense countryside surrounding this tiny Fermanagh hamlet.

A spokesman at the County Hospital Fermanagh said later that the injured constable, Scally, was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Scally, whose home was at Ballycastle, County Antrim, was said to have gunshot wounds.

### Bomb Blasts Down Door

A midnight statement issued by the Royal Ulster Constabulary headquarters in Belfast said: "At about 10.20 p.m., Derrylin RUC station, County Fermanagh, was attacked by armed men."

"After a heavy bomb had blown in the front door volleys of small arms fire were directed at the opening."

"The police returned the fire and the attackers withdrew."

"Constable Sean Scally, was wounded in the back and later died."

Police and military began a search of the area for the raiders.

On December 18 a heavy attack was launched against the Derrylin police station, which is 11 miles from Enniskillen.

A heavy bomb then blew in the front door and the front of the building was sprayed with automatic fire. The police kept the attackers at bay until reinforcements arrived.—Reuter.

### Police Swoop, Make Haul

Belfast, Dec. 30. Three men were detained for questioning after a dawn swoop by police today on a disused farmhouse at Dunnamore, County Tyrone.

In the house police found an assortment of service rifles, three stem guns, two Bren guns, a large quantity of ammunition and a number of ordnance survey maps.

The swoop was the culmination of a three days' intensive police search of desolate countryside for men who are believed to be still hiding after recent border raids by the Irish Republican Army.

Yesterday the Ulster government banned two republican organisations—Finn Fein and Fianna Uladh as political parties in Northern Ireland. Both movements are known to have many IRA sympathisers in their ranks.—Reuter.

### ESCAPEE REVEALS PLANE'S SECRETS

London, Dec. 30. Anti-Communist Poles reported tonight that a young Polish airman who fled to the Danish island of Bornholm had provided British experts with full operational details of the latest MIG jet fighter.

They disclosed that Lt Zygmut Gosciniaj spent nearly a month in London providing information on MIG-type fighters and other Soviet aircraft used by the Polish Air Force.

Lt Gosciniaj, 28, said he escaped last autumn aboard a faster MIG, which was normally assigned to Polish training flights to make sure that pilots in other, slower planes could not escape.

Lt Gosciniaj's presence here was received last night when he received a free Polish decoration from General W. Anders, leader of the Polish troops who settled in Britain after the Communist take-over of their homeland after World War II.

#### TOP-RANKING RED

He said the Poles planned to present his decision to flee. "I was a top-ranking Communist and chairman of my wing and secretary of my unit, and due for promotion, so I was above suspicion," he said.

"On every training flight there is always one trusted pilot in a faster aircraft, with orders to shoot down any man trying to flee. My plane was the only one to do this, so I escaped only because I was the best pilot."

She was very soon attracted to the United States and for 10 years she was a rich American family, she took up the stage on the advice of a family friend, the celebrated Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski.

Although Ruth Draper was given by her agent as 67, she was 71.

### TRUCK-TRAIN COLLISION: 2 DEAD, 30 INJURED

Poitiers, France, Dec. 30.

A two-car diesel train collided with a truck near here today and burst into flames. The police said at least two persons were killed and more than 30 others injured. The train was speeding down the main Paris-Bordeaux track when a truck slammed through a crossing gate. They collided virtually head-on. Police said the truck's brakes failed. The engineer and the truck driver were killed instantly. Panic exploded among the train's passengers

after the second coach rolled down a bank and caught fire. Many were seriously cut trying to plunge through the shattered window. Others with clothing on fire rolled hysterically in the fields, trying to put out the flames.

Their screams brought villagers from Virolet who pulled passengers away from the wreckage before Poitiers firemen arrived. Police requisitioned cars on the busy highway and shuttled some 30 injured to Poitiers hospitals.—United Press.

### "BOMB" SCARE IN NY YANKEE STADIUM

New York, Dec. 30. The police removed a dud "bomb" from a telephone booth in the Yankee Stadium while 56,000 fans watched a championship football game today, and an underground line was shut down for an hour and 40 minutes during the city's 108th bomb scare in a week.

A strange-looking, 38-year-old unemployed bachelor was held by the police on suspicion of "making" some of the 700 telephone calls reporting bombs. He was arrested near a telephone booth which contained a device crammed in a white sock in an underground station, according to police.

The man, Morris Rubin, was described by Deputy Chief Inspector Edward Freely as a possible telephone hoaxer, but apparently not the "mad bomber" of Manhattan, who has been planting home-made bombs for 10 years.

Only two definite bombs have been found in the searches made by police working around the clock in New York to find the "mad bomber." Police said that if they could find the man, he would probably be quick to end his "wave ofphony" bomb threats.—United Press.

#### May Meet Again

Mr Nehru is trying to iron out these problems as a preliminary step towards a rapprochement between America and China.

Mr Nehru is understood to appreciate the US view that imprisonment of American citizens in China is a violation of major barriers.

If this was removed, the US might be prepared to relax its ban on American newsmen visiting China.

On the other hand, it is authoritatively learned that three Chinese students in the US have approached the Indian Embassy for assistance in returning to China. It is understood that their cases are complicated and in dispute.

#### News Editor Murdered

Johannesburg, Dec. 30. Mr Henry Nxumalo, news editor of a Johannesburg African newspaper was found stabbed to death here early today.

The motives for his murder were not immediately known.

Mr Nxumalo was on leave from his newspaper, the English-language Golden City Post.

One of South Africa's best known non-white journalists, he had been commissioned by an American publisher to write a book on the Union.

It is believed that Mr Nxumalo, aged 37, was murdered last night. His body was found in the Western African township here.—Reuter.

#### Drowned Woman Bejewelled

Paris, Dec. 30. River police today found floating in the Seine the body of a woman wearing 15 million francs (£15,000 sterling) worth of jewellery.

They identified her as Madame Jean Cazal, wife of a pottery manufacturer, and mother of two children, who had disappeared from her home on November 21.—China Mail Special.

### DAMAGED LUXURY LINER REACHES PORT

Le Havre, Dec. 30. The French luxury liner Liberte limped into Le Havre tonight with three injured passengers, three forward loading masts smashed, and part of her superstructure twisted after being pounded by a storm in the Atlantic.

The liner was back only three days after sailing. Her captain had decided in view of the damage did not affect any important part of the masterpiece and could easily be repaired.

Nevertheless, "Mona Lisa" still smiling cryptically, has been taken off for further examination and repair. The damage, said the liner's owners, will be repaired in a few days.

The liner's bows ploughed into the sea and two enormous waves crashed on to the forward deck. The hundred or so tons of water almost wiped away the three loading masts and buckled part of the steel superstructure.

The Liberte was carrying 450 passengers bound for New York.—France-Press.

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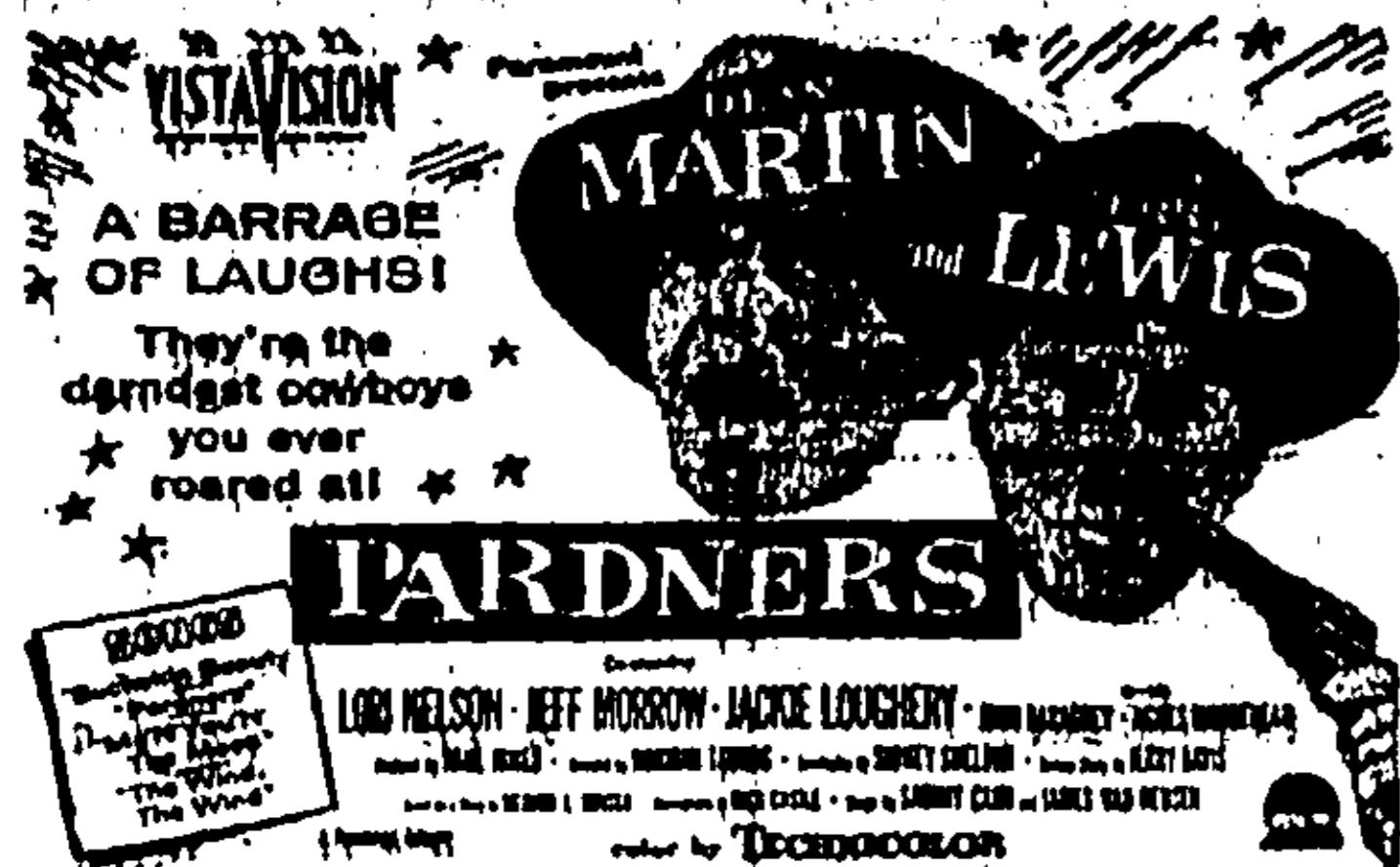
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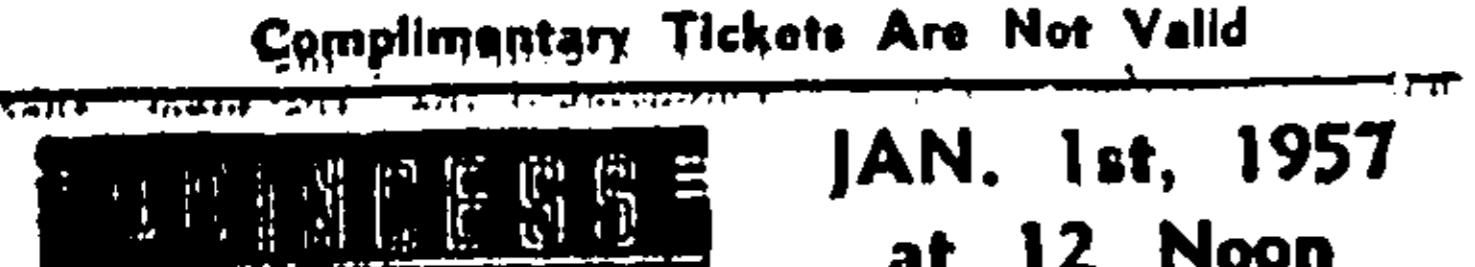
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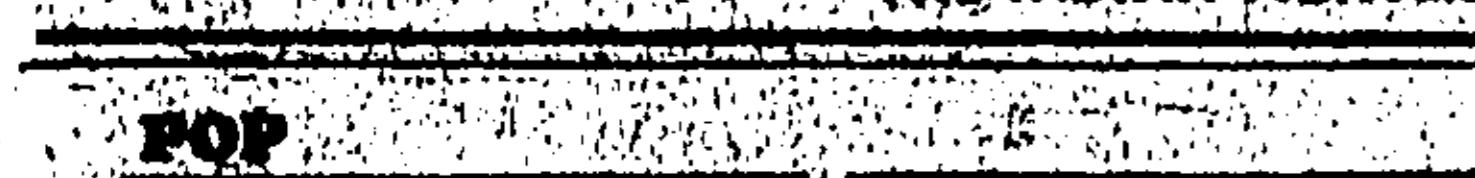
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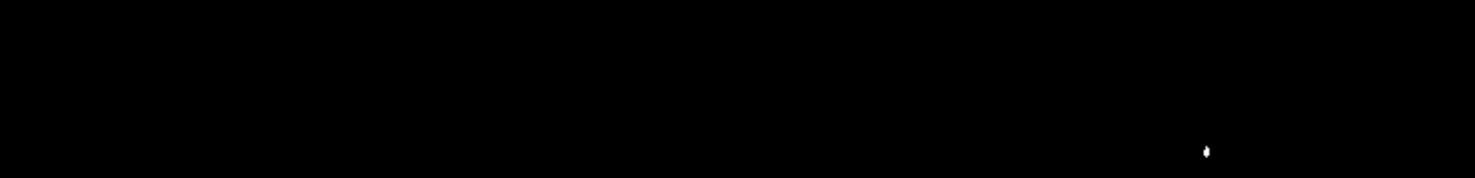
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# Karl Marx Was Wrong

ISRAELI WARNING

## Navigational Freedom Of Akaba

Jerusalem, Dec. 30. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said today that freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba, on the Red Sea, was the only guarantee that Egypt would consent to freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal.

Eytan stressed the importance for the entire world of finding another route to replace the Suez, and maintained that the Gulf of Akaba and the Israeli Red Sea port of Eilath offered such a route.

He said that as long as the Gulf of Akaba remained open to international navigation Egypt would not be tempted to block the Suez Canal, and even if she did block it, it could be bypassed and the blockade would only injure Egypt herself.

### Remilitarise Sinai

In a speech broadcast over the Israeli radio, Eytan warned of the danger that Egypt would again block the Gulf of Akaba if she took over the Sinai Peninsula.

He said that if Israel withdrew from the Sinai Peninsula as scheduled, the United Nations forces would take over there. But in turn the United Nations forces would have to withdraw when Egypt demanded it.

Egypt could then remilitarise Sinai and again block the Gulf of Akaba.—France-Press.

### Hungarian Jurist Rehabilitated

Budapest, Dec. 30. Hungarian jurist, Josef Szabo, who was imprisoned from 1950 to 1955 for having publicly criticised the Government's arbitrary judicial procedures, has been rehabilitated. It was announced today.

Szabo will shortly resume his former duties as Dean of the Law Faculty at the University of Szeged, the announcement said.—France-Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



## IN THE WASHINGTON WASH:

## THE POLITICAL VACUUM LEADS TO CONFUSION

By ALEXANDER BROAD

Washington Americans have suddenly become sensitive. The Washington and the New York papers have been overflowing with column after column of small print recording what the British think about the Americans, what the French think about the Americans, what the Indians think about the Americans, and even what the Canadians think about the Americans.

In part, this is due to a political vacuum.

The State Department is busily drafting a new policy—admission in itself that the old policy just wasn't doing the trick.

But little of it has shown in print so far.

## Dull Stuff

AGAIN, although the atmosphere of crisis is still present, there is enough crisis activity going on.

Americans find the controversy over who will clear the Suez Canal and for whom pretty dull stuff. Nor are they much excited about other peoples' economic crises. So far, apart from the fact that there is a shortage of glace cherries for the Christmas-New Year season, there hasn't been any economic crisis here.

The result is that the papers have fallen back on other peoples' thoughts about America.

No one is surprised that the British and French are not enthusiastic America-lovers again yet. But rumblings from Canada that the Suez crisis was as much a result of America's bungling as of any-

body else, and signs that engaged by suggestions that a Canada is determined to have now, if much smaller, Marshall Plan may be on the way. He thinks, even when it upsets one has never been a foreign aid enthusiast, and the thought that a new aid programme may appear just as he is getting to show a budget surplus, alarms him even more.

Canadians don't like this, and Americans don't say it too loudly. But they are used to thinking it.

As to the Indians, Americans are not entirely happy to find that the Indians, suddenly, do approve of them.

This is a curious psychological state of affairs.

The State Department has long been saying that Americans must be friends with India. And Americans on the street have not disputed this proposition.

But this does not mean that they approve, on the whole, of Nehru's policy, nor that they are likely to be easy in the mind when India approves of them.

A state of amicable disapproval seems to be what they would like to see.

India's kiss, they fear, may be the kiss of death. They suspect that Mr Nehru's other friends—the Communists—must have gained something if such warmth is forthcoming.

This may, of course, be utter nonsense. But then you are.

## Backroom Battle

THE confusion and the vacuum, of course, are just what the isolationists like best, and it is hard, after reading the papers, to blame any American who wants to abandon the rest of the world to its madness.

Nor is the situation helped at all by the fact that there is a behind-the-scenes battle going on in the Cabinet.

Mr Humphrey, the Secretary of the Treasury, has been

engaged by suggestions that a Canada is determined to have now, if much smaller, Marshall Plan may be on the way. He thinks, even when it upsets one has never been a foreign aid enthusiast, and the thought that a new aid programme may appear just as he is getting to show a budget surplus, alarms him even more.

Furthermore, he is not happy about the departure of Mr Herbert Hoover Jr. and the arrival of Mr Herter in his place as chief lieutenant to Mr Dulles.

Hoover has always been Humphrey's ally and the State Department's only top level doubter on foreign aid. Mr Herter is a foreign aid enthusiast.

All this merely makes Mr Humphrey more determined than ever. And President Eisenhower, who often seems to distrust his own grasp of government finance, may, in the long run, be influenced by him.

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THE most exclusive school in Britain stands among the pines on the outskirts of Farnborough. Like other Hampshire preparatory schools it is on the small side: only 34 pupils this term. It is also expensive. Very, very expensive.

The Principal (S. Wraith) is speaking to a potential pupil on the telephone. "Got to remember the fees are inclusive, old boy. I know £16,000 a year sounds a lot, but that includes everything."

It includes, according to the curriculum, the development of common sense and judgment, tact and deportment, self-reliance and adaptability. It also includes the use of a Delta jet fighter and many thousand gallons of aviation fuel.

This is the Empire Test Pilots' School. The preparatory school for the next era in the history of flight. Perhaps also the school which will, some day, send one of its graduates out in the first flying machine to break away from gravity and into space.

## INDEPENDENCE

THE pupils here wear uniform, but this could never be an ordinary officers' mess.

It is not just that they are older than average squadron pilots and crews. It is not just that while most wear R.A.F. or R.N. blue, there are men from Canada, Australia, the United States, France, Italy, Belgium, Sweden and India. It is rather that here there is a unique spirit and atmosphere.

In the place of the strong, invisible ties that bind together crews and squadrons there is, among these future test pilots, marked individuality. There is a feeling of independence.

Look at them as they sit at their schoolroom desks, or over their coffee in the mess anteroom, leafing through Pilots' Notes or aviation magazines.

They are in their late twenties, most of them. Each man is already a skilled pilot. Each looks tough and self-reliant. Each knows that he is being prepared to face and tackle massive and sometimes unknown physical forces—and tackle them alone.

THE test pilot's course lasts a year. There are lectures in quiet, sunny classrooms on high-speed flight problems and supersonic airplane design.

There are hours spent in the air in a Canberra, a Hawker or Hunter, flying to the extreme

privilege of piloting the Delta and knowing that although this is now the newest of them all, it marks only the point where their work will begin.

Look around the walls of the library and the flying school, and there in group photographs and signed portraits are the end-products.

Names like Duke and Lithgow, Twiss and Bedford, Peg and Martin. These are the stars. Their achievements are within reach of all, but for most their careers will be exacting, sometimes dull, sometimes dangerous, but never resulting in fame.

To understand these future pioneers talk to the men who teach them. First, the Commandant—Group Captain Samuel Wraith, C.B.E., A.F.C., R.A.F.

"Everybody" knows Sammy Wraith. A good man at a party, a good man at the hydraulic controls. A dark, buccaneering type with a gleam in his eye and a pugnacious set to his jaw.

Wraith has been teaching the

Heads of the school. Not all, of course, for 430 men have already graduated from this

A man of learning and a man

of action. Close-cropped hair, keen eyes, and the infectious enthusiasm of the born teacher.

I asked him: "What makes a test pilot?"

He replied: "He must be a dedicated man. I always try to find out why my pupils want to test-fly. Is he an ambitious R.A.F. career man? Does he just enjoy flying for fun? Has he got his eye on the pay packet? Or, has he a burning ambition to further the advancement of aviation? I want that last type."

MacDonald paused as, outside, two Hunter taxied past, hot gas from their jet pipes blasting across the tarmac.

Quietly, he continued. The

test pilot's job is only 10

percent glamour. A lot of it is

tedious—the routine testing

of all aircrafts for

instance.

One week they all wear

civilian clothes. They must keep

in touch with the world news.

They must learn about the

aviation industry.

And while

they can also be fighting

and flying, they must

keep their eyes open.

Their job is demanding.

And the pay is limited.

But the pay is limited.



# Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Race Meeting of the current season starts tomorrow at the Valley and will continue on Saturday, January 5.

There are 10 events on the programme tomorrow, the most important of which is the Stewards Cup. It is a handicap race for Class 1 ponies over Six Furlongs.

The First Handicap Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run promptly at 12.00 noon. The Tiffin interval will come after the running of the Fourth Race, and the first bell after this will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Given the weather conditions the meeting should attract a record crowd of racing fans. Here are my estimates of the chances.

## FIRST RACE

Handicap Handicap (First Section) 144 lbs.

The starting race is to be ridden by those who have not won twice in the Valley and any time.

On the other hand, Peach Blossom is well suited for this distance and should be near at the close.

Then there is Giddup which is also a danger here as it is good enough to extend the field.

Emerald will be piloted by C. L. Lam and for those who prefer an outsider this recommendation is worth following.

Any horse is likely to happen, however, and the defeat of Scrabo by either Amapolita (Andrew Chan) or Evergreen (Horace Chan) is not by any means impossible.

True, Amapolita has not won a race for some time, but I have a feeling it is due for a win.

Evergreen was most disappointing the last time out in running that far. Tomorrow it will be given a grand chance of avenging its previous defeat.

However, I am going to nominate Amapolita to win.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### SIXTH RACE MEETING

Tuesday 1st and Saturday 5th January, 1957.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

### THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.

The First Bell will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon on the 1st Day. The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badge of \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Passes will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Bar (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Ladies' Uniform.

CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For the purpose of a child in a person under the age of seventeen years, Weeden Standard.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the equivalent of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

### SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the 1st Day, \$16.00 each for the 2nd Day and \$10.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than two days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 31st December, 1956, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

### SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pense Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 26th January 1957, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

### TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYOUT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,  
A. S. Arnold,  
Secretary.

Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

## Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

12.00 noon Race 1. LAYTOWN HANDICAP (1st Section). Class 1, 1. Mile. Novices.

001 Amapolita (Lam) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

002 Scrabo (Rodney) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

12.00 p.m. Race 2. TOWARDS CUP. Class 1, 1. & Furlings.

001 Silver Wing (Chan) H. K. Hung 139 lbs.

002 Night People (Tokomoko) Tam Nai-huen 139 lbs.

003 Anna (Rodney) Andrew Lam 144 lbs.

004 So Big (Cheung) Alan Lam 144 lbs.

005 Princess (Kwok) C. L. Liu 144 lbs.

006 Dilkush (Perchett) Kitchell 144 lbs.

007 Quinette (Metrevelli) Priddy 144 lbs.

008 Acres High (Lam) C. L. Liu 144 lbs.

009 River of Gold (Metrevelli) Hui 144 lbs.

010 Green Velvet (Tokomoko) Hui 144 lbs.

011 Evergreen (Tokomoko) Horace Chan 144 lbs.

012 Zermar (Lam) C. L. Liu 144 lbs.

013 Blazing (Krasnoproff) Roza.

Possible Acceptors: Blazing Star, Time, Many Returns.

001 Precious Metal (Tokomoko) Tam Nai-huen 139 lbs.

002 Spinning Wheel (Krasnoproff) Ong Lok 139 lbs.

003 Another Victory (Woo) Ong Lok 139 lbs.

004 Gallant Knight (Rodney) H. K. Hung 139 lbs.

005 Barrington (Rodney) H. K. Hung 139 lbs.

006 Queen's Parchment (S. H. Wong) Tam Nai-huen 139 lbs.

007 Free Kick (Tokomoko) Tam Nai-huen 139 lbs.

008 High Speed (Perchett) K. F. Choi 144 lbs.

009 Hallmark (Tokomoko) K. F. Choi 144 lbs.

010 Caesar (Tokomoko) K. F. Choi 144 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Caesar, Kwok.

4.00 p.m. Race 3. BALLYDOYLE HANDICAP (1st Section). Class 1, 1. & Furlings.

001 Bunchuch (Metrevelli) Priddy 144 lbs.

002 Jip On Soft (Metrevelli) Priddy 144 lbs.

003 Giddup (Krasnoproff) Priddy 144 lbs.

004 Constellation (Kwok) Priddy 144 lbs.

005 Emerald (Chung) C. L. Liu 144 lbs.

006 Peach Blossom (Leskoff) C. L. Liu 144 lbs.

007 All Gay (Perchett) C. L. Liu 144 lbs.

008 Hallmark (Tokomoko) C. L. Liu 144 lbs.

009 Caesar (Tokomoko) C. L. Liu 144 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Caesar, Kwok.

4.30 p.m. Race 4. PONEREFRACT HANDICAP. Class 1, 1. Mile. Novices.

001 Desert Gold (Lam) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

002 Happy Warrior (Leskoff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

003 Valkyrie (Rodney) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

004 Colin (Lam) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

005 Always There (Perchett) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

006 Mak Siller (S. H. Wong) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

007 Vigorous (Ava) (Krasnoproff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Vigorous, Ava.

5.00 p.m. Race 5. LAYTOWN HANDICAP (2nd Section). Class 1, 1. Mile. Novices.

001 John Halifax (Rodney) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

002 Southern Cross (Metrevelli) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

003 Tonyber (Krasnoproff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

004 Possibility (Perchett) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

005 Beautiful Phoenix (Metrevelli) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

006 Aladdin (Krasnoproff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

007 Icicle (Tokomoko) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

008 Mayfair (A. S. Wong) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

009 Princess (Krasnoproff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

010 Ping On (Sofronoff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Ping On.

5.30 p.m. Race 6. CARRIGHAN HANDICAP (2nd Section). Class 1, 1. Mile.

001 Mascot (Leskoff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

002 John Halifax (Rodney) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

003 Bellinda (Krasnoproff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

004 Fleetfoot (Sofronoff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

005 Good News (Lam) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

006 Jante Rid (Tokomoko) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

007 Golden Branch (Chung) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

008 Lightning Feet (Sofronoff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

009 Knock-down (Lam) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

010 Nosey King (Tokomoko) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

011 Gabriel Junks (Krasnoproff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

012 Red Light (Lam) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

013 Cheerful (Rodney) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

014 Rainbow (Shiu) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

015 Quicksilver (A. S. Wong) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Rainbow, Quicksilver.

5.30 p.m. Race 7. WIN WIN HANDICAP. Class 1, 1. Mile. Novices.

001 Golden Branch (Chung) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

002 Lightning Feet (Sofronoff) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

003 Knock-down (Lam) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

004 Nosey King (Tokomoko) Andrew Chan 144 lbs.

# HEXANGULAR RUGGER TOURNEY ONE UPSET AS AIRMEN FAIL TO HOLD ARMY SOUTH'S FORWARDS

By "PAK LO"

There was only one upset in Saturday afternoon's rugby, when the Airmen at Kai Tak failed to hold the Army South forwards and the result was a clear-cut, well deserved win for the soldiers by 17 points (1 goal, 2 tries, 2 penalty goals) to 3 points (1 try).

As expected the Club had a fairly comfortable win over the Police by 15 points (5 tries) to 6 points (1 try, 1 penalty goal), while on the other side of the harbour the Navy won another two Hexangular points when they outplayed a subdued Army North XV by 19 points (2 goals, 2 tries, 1 penalty goal) to nil.

As a result of these matches there has been another upheaval in the Hexangular Table, as can be seen, with only three points separating the leaders and the fifth team in the table, and although half the Tournament has now been played it is anyone's guess just who will win. If the Navy can keep the Kaniere in port until the end they would seem to have the roshest chance of annexing the title, but this is one forecast which could all too easily be upset.

Here is the latest table: -

Navy	5	3	1	1	54	15	1
Army	5	3	1	1	66	32	1
Club	5	3	1	1	52	24	1
RAF	5	2	2	1	40	44	0
Army	5	1	2	2	57	44	0
Police	5	0	0	0	12	111	0

**Club v. Police**

Right from the start two things were obvious about the Club. The first that the forwards had over the Christmas season dined too well if not wisely, for they were slow in the loose and did not cover their halves at all well, and since they stood rooted to the ground in the lineouts it must be presumed that they had too large helpings of Christmas pudding.

There were two exceptions to this, and only two, Gault "honic" in the loose, and Millar was outstanding in every aspect of the game. Secondly with the Club forwards, who have until now been the mainstay of the Club, failing to do much, it looked as if the Police should have won, but to make up for it the Club threees played their best game to date.

Cheong and Valentine in the centre were first class, and they got good service from O'Kelly who, however, spoilt his display by running across field after Young, the Club full scrum half, had made the opening.

Thi to a certain extent nullified Young's efforts, but when the Club threees got going properly they were always dangerous. Young fully justified his selection as scrum half and quickly settled down.

Lloyd on full back was obviously unhappy and his positioning was not all that this could have been, but this is not his usual place it was not too bad an effort.

The Police, on the other hand, were exactly the reverse. Their forwards were excellent, and their backs poor. The forwards passed the ball back regularly enough, and Lewis at scrum half got it away smoothly and cleanly, but that was the end of it for the Police threees passed badly and were far too greedy.

Once again there was an exception in Scott who saw far too little of the ball. He did, after a while, drop back to full back but was wasted, although it was from this position that he made the move which resulted in the only Police try of the match.

He gathered the ball on the touchline and then wayed up O'Regan into position and cross kicked beautifully and all O'Regan had to do was gather and touch down for Sharpe to convert with ease. 3-0.

A few minutes later, from a scrum on the RAF line, Hill sent the ball out straight for an unconverted try, and shortly after Sharpe converted by a penalty for offside from about 20 yards out to give the Army XV a 14-0 lead.

This was increased just on half time when the Airmen were penalised for being on the ball and converted a try from in front of the posts on the RAF 23. 14-0.

The Airmen retaliated with a nice try by Faragher when he picked up a loose ball and scored his own scrum half, and went through to score half way out. The conversion was missed. 14-3.

The Police then tried in an Army attack. Owen-Smith tried a drop goal and missed, and play swept to the other end of the field where, for obstruction, the Army were penalised, but Macnamara missed a "sitter".

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## SCIENCE &amp; ENGINEERING

WORLD'S LARGEST  
ATOMIC  
POWER STATION

Work will begin shortly on the world's largest atomic power station. It will be constructed for the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

The station has been designed by the GEC-Simon-Carves Atomic Energy Group. The GEC, as main contractor, is to be completely responsible for the whole project, the value and scope of which probably exceeds that of any other single contract hitherto placed with a British industrial organisation.

Power will be derived from the heat generated by a controlled nuclear fission chain reaction in two nuclear reactors. The principle of operation will be similar to that of the Calder Hall reactors in that the natural uranium fuel will be contained within a pile of graphite moderator material and the heat extracted by circulating carbon dioxide gas under pressure.

## CAPACITY

The generating capacity of the station will be 360,000 kilowatts and the total output of electrical power is guaranteed to be not less than 300,000 kilowatts, rising to 320,000 kilowatts, all of which will be fed into the National Grid. Furthermore, the station has been designed to operate on base load, so that every day between 5 and 6 million units of electricity will be sent out to consumers. The saving in coal from this one station will amount to at least 1 million tons a year.

Each reactor with its eight steam raising units will weigh about 70,000 tons, the entire structures being supported on thick concrete rafts.

The erection programme will be greatly assisted by a specially built Goliath crane—the largest in the world. Its 200 ft. span, the same as the centre span of London's Tower Bridge, will enable it to straddle the construction site, and it will be capable of lifting up to 300 tons at a time.

Associated with the G.E.C. and Simon-Carves Ltd. in this great enterprise are The Motherwell Bridge and Engineering Co. Ltd., who will fabricate the pressure vessels, and John

Mowlem (Scotland) Ltd., who will be the civil contractor.

The cylindrical core of each reactor, 28 ft. high and 50 ft. in diameter, is built up of 2,000 tons of graphite blocks containing vertical channels for the fuel elements and control rods.

Each of the 3,200 fuel channels contains 10 individual fuel elements stacked in a column one on top of the other. The element consists of a bar of natural uranium metal, sealed in a magnesium alloy can which is biased to assist heat extraction.

The total charge of uranium in the two reactors is 500 tons.

## PRESSURE VESSELS

The reactor core rests on a grid made of steel plates arranged in an 'egg-box' fashion. Surrounding the sides and top of the core is an inner steel shell made of relatively thin steel plate.

A 70 ft. diameter spherical pressure vessel, welded from 3 in. thick steel plate and weighing nearly 1,000 tons, completely encloses the core and inner shell. The double-shell construction enables the best materials to be used for each purpose—a temperature resistant steel for the hotter, inner shell, and a tough, non-brittle steel for the spherical vessel which has to withstand the full working gas pressure.

Protection from nuclear radiation is provided by a 9 ft. --10 ft. thick concrete biological shield surrounding the core and forming one face of the 180 ft. high reactor building.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Damaged cargo in this vessel will be surveyed by Mr. A. G. Goddard & Son, Ltd., Hong Kong, at the Wharf Clock on 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 3rd January and Friday, 4th January, and consignees representing are requested to be present during survey.

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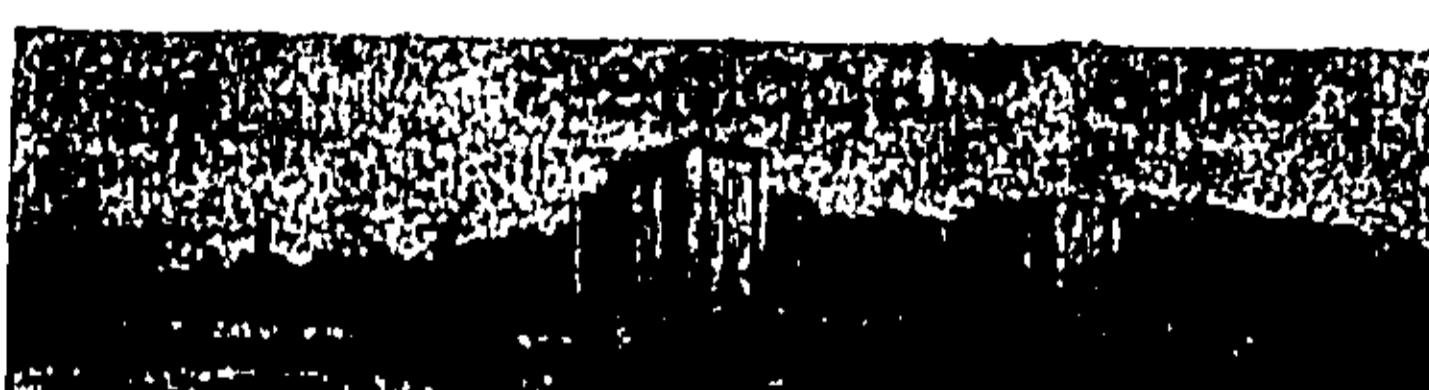
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## INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA

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William A. Carr, Resident Secretary for the Orient announces the appointment of

Mr. JEROME T. LIEU

MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG SERVICE OFFICE  
for the

Insurance Company of North America  
St. George's Building  
Chater Road

## MORE POWER FOR FARMERS



Behind the design of this new British tractor is a wealth of practical experience accumulated over the years by the operation of machines of varying horse power in all parts of the world.

The new tractor—the David Brown "900"—has more power than previous models. This has been achieved by incorporating the latest developments in fuel pump and injection equipment. The development of the rotary type distributor pump has enabled this firm to increase the working speed of the engine and at the same time obtain a higher thermal efficiency.

By ensuring that the full engine power can be utilised at the drawbar, the David Brown company is providing a high powered tractor which can give results in terms of extra power to the farmer. This means, for example, that a 4-furrow plough can be handled in many conditions or, alternatively, that 3-furrow ploughing can be carried out at a faster rate.—CIO.

## NEW OILFIELDS DISCOVERED

Paris, Dec. 30.

The newly discovered Karamal oilfields in northern Shandong is already providing regular oil supplies, the New China news agency reported tonight.

More than 30 test wells were drilled in Karamal this year, most of which have proved successful.

Natural gas, usually coexisting with oil, was found exten-

sively in this year's exploration over an area of 4,000 square kilometres adjacent to Karamal.

Both of these discoveries were regarded as indications of much greater oil deposits in Karamal than the previous estimates of 100 million tons, the agency said.

In Haifa, it was learned that Israel's first underwater oil ex-

RADIO MULTICHANNEL  
TELEPHONE FOR  
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An important order for Very High Frequency Radio Multichannel Telephone System linking Jamnagar and Rajkot, and Bhavnagar and Surat, has been placed with Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Limited by the Government of India on behalf of Western Railways, Bombay.

The system, which has a potential capacity of 48 two-way telephone circuits between Jamnagar and Rajkot, and 24 between Bhavnagar and Surat, will be equipped initially to provide 4 circuits. The Bhavnagar to Surat link is approximately 56 miles without any intermediate station.

Marconi's have surveyed and installed Multichannel Radio Telephone Systems on every continent. The scale of the Company's activities in this field is indicated by the fact that the total telephone channel miles of Marconi radio multichannel systems completed to date would go fifteen times round the world.

## NEW NAVIGATIONAL AID

It can now be revealed that for the past two years Marconi's have been in quantity production with an Airborne "Doppler" Navigator, for use in the most modern aircraft.

Several years ago, sponsored by the British Ministry of Supply, the Marconi Company began the development of a highly accurate navigational device which was to be self-contained and independent of any ground-based apparatus.

The Type AD.2000 is virtually unaffected by weather conditions.

This equipment is being supplied to certain Commonwealth countries as well as to the Royal Air Force. When it is released for general use it should be of the greatest interest to the Civil Aviation world where it offers immense possibilities as a general system of navigation.

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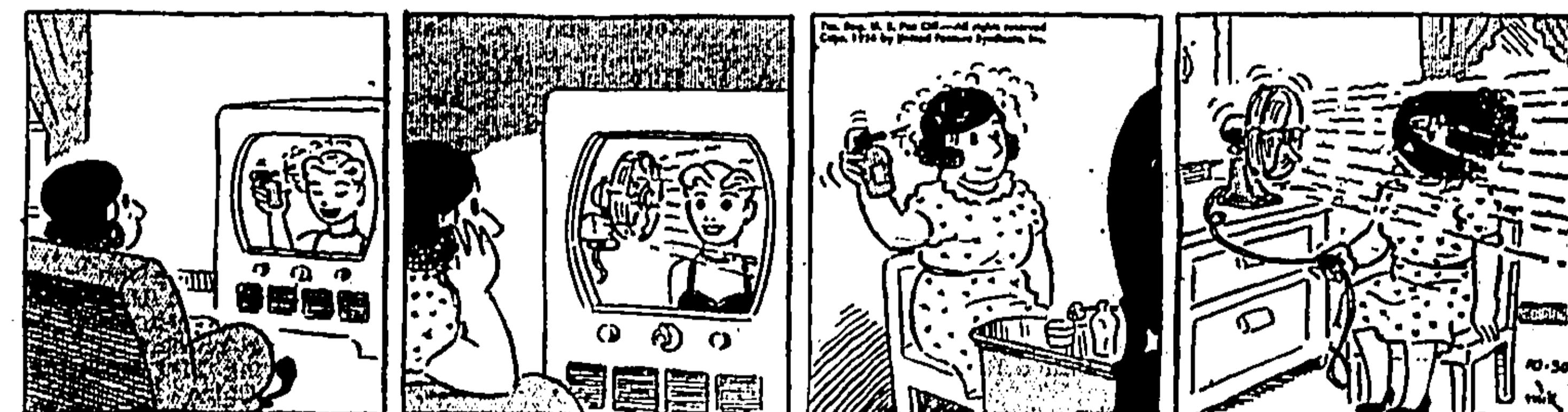
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



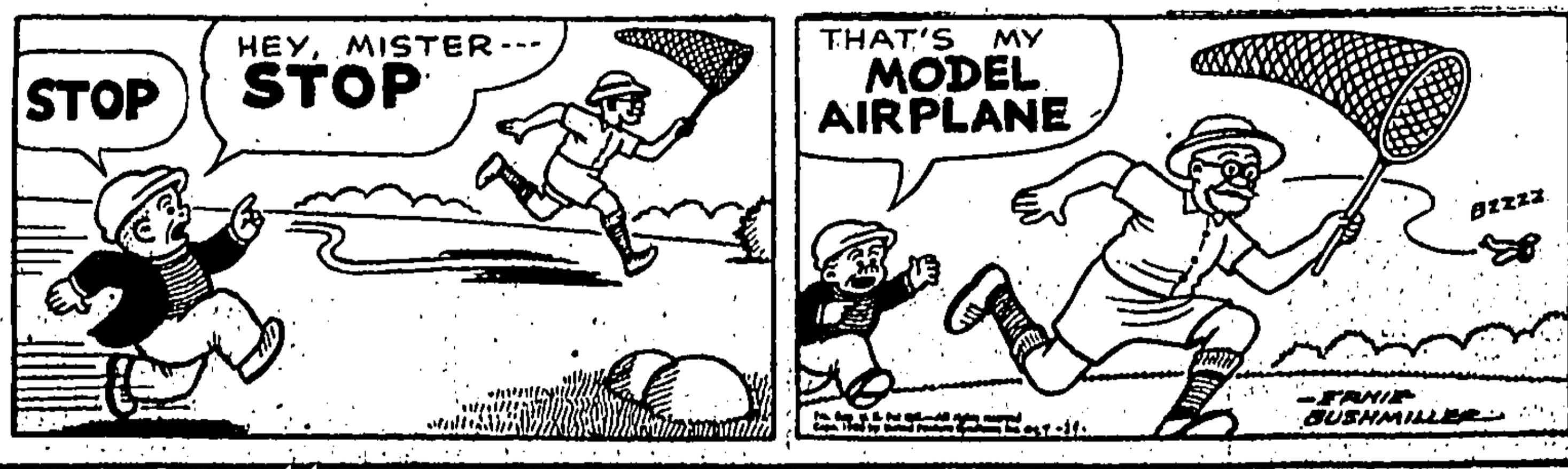
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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

# Continuation Of Age Of Plenty In United States IMPELLED BY AUTOMATION AND ATOMIC ENERGY

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 30. The year 1957 promises to be a continuation of the age of plenty for America's 165 millions. Impelled by new horizons of atomic energy and automation, the US industrial juggernaut appears poised at year-end for what might well be its most productive effort in history.

There'll be more people working. They'll have more money to spend; and lots more leisure in which to indulge their every want. And there'll be lots and lots of new gadgets and trinkets to buy, ranging from pep-pills to build-your-own-with-a-do-it-yourself kit and airconditioned chrome-beribboned cadillacs.

In the broadest terms, that's how America's economic parts up the next twelve months.

At year-end, the fourth quarter boom which rolled up new peaks in production, employment, income and spending, promises to carry over into 1957. Some segments of the economy will experience some adjustments. New peaks in output will be felt by most industries. Some leveling-off from these peaks is forecast, probably during the second half of the year. Nothing like a stamp is expected, however, just some tempered considerations stemming mainly from war tensions and the Suez Canal crisis when all the 1957 figures are in—they'll be well ahead of 1956 according to the consensus.

## Forecast

Here is what the experts see for the next twelve months. 1. The gross national product (total value of all goods and services produced) will probably show an improvement over last year, thus marking the eighth time in the past 10 years that the nation's volume of business reached a new peak. Higher prices will probably account for about half of the 1957 increase.

2. America's industries as a whole will be more confident in the future; are planning to spend about 11 per cent more than last year. Actually many of these spending increases, pending plans, are carried forward from 1956. Neither the presidential elections nor the Middle East crisis appear to have had any effect on these plans. Major increases are scheduled in steel, non-ferrous metals, chemical, and petroleum refining.

3. The Federal Reserve production index will probably average around 140 in 1957, compared with an estimated 143

this year. Some experts figure the index might be as high as 150 by next autumn.

4. Personal spending will probably increase by about 100 million and corporate dividends by over 10.3 million; and income in outlays by Federal and local governments.

## Oil Industry

The oil industry in 1956 experienced increases in demand of 5.5 per cent in the United States and almost twice that amount abroad. This is expected to continue to the present high level for 1957. Experts look for a four per cent boost last year in US demand and more than twice that amount in foreign demand, not counting the impact of the Suez Canal situation. According to the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), without the Suez Canal and the Iran oil embargo, exports from the United States could increase as much as 500,000 barrels daily, or 5.5 per cent of the 1956 domestic and export demand. At the same time foreign demand will increase by about the same amount. The general effect of the Suez Canal crisis is to increase US exports of crude oil and products but lower export of a greater amount from the Middle East.

5. Automobiles: The general thinking is that the industry will turn out about 500,000 cars next year over an estimated 6,000,000 units for 1956. The industry is as confident about the public's acceptance of its 1957 models as for this year. However, the spring buying season should give a better picture of the industry's potential. Last year, some 7.9 million cars were produced, but the industry suffered from a big inventory most of the year as consumers failed to buy. The carryover has since been whittled to more manageable proportions.

## US TEXTILE INDUSTRY CONFIDENT OF COMING YEAR

New York, Dec. 30.

The American textile industry stands at the threshold of the New Year with "measured confidence" provided the question of imports from the so-called low-wage countries is successfully resolved.

Industry spokesman, F. E. Grier, President, American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, Inc., made this forecast in a year-end summation of the textile industry and its problems.

Manufacturers' confidence in the future, he said, was demonstrated by an outlay of almost all kinds of new equipment.

The backlog of unfilled orders for cotton goods as the year approached a close was equivalent to 11 weeks production. Volume of new business taken in October was the highest monthly total in several years.

Final production figures for 1956 are expected to show a slight gain over the 10.1 billion yards of broad woven goods turned out in 1955.

## Volume Lower

Another vote of confidence in what 1957 holds in store for the industry came in October when the industry boosted textile wages 10 cents an hour. This pay boost came, Grier emphasized, "duly" after the government indicated it would take steps to reduce the "perils" the industry faced in its unrestricted

## NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Dec. 30. Cotton futures edged upward in a holiday week shortened to three sessions.

At Friday's close the list ruled unchanged to 10 points—unchanged to 80 cents a bale—higher than the preceding week. Activity broadened in the final session with most of the interest concentrated in the January March delivery. Spot interests were accredited sellers of around 50,000 bales, supposedly liquidation against spot purchases.

The large-scale offerings were taken up by trade interests and mill accounts, supposedly for year-end covering operations. While the business was being carried out, the March contract sawed within a five point range, finishing the week net unchanged at 34 cents a pound.

Interest in later deliveries slackened with activity in new crop months coming to a halt at frequent long intervals.

Uncertainty about the government loan rate for the 1957 crop, and the question of producer participation in the soil bank programme, as well as new farm legislation expected when Congress reconvenes, restrained activity in deferred months.

## CONTRACTION

Exports continued to run well ahead of last year. Total clearances for the season to date reached 1,475,204 bales, or about 3½ times the volume cleared in the same period last season. However, some quarters wondered whether the current high rate could be maintained in face of the contraction in European industrial activity resulting from the fuel shortage.

Opinions commenced to differ on the probable effect of the soil bank programme. Analysts conceded the programme may eliminate as much as four million acres from the 1957 allotment of 17.6 million acres. However, it was felt a big part of the land going into the bank may be the poorer, low-yielding acres, and that cultivation may be intensified on the higher-yield land.—United Press.

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 30.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 20, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings 301,222,426,204  
Total other currencies 14,259,323,360  
Sight balance abroad  
In EPU 49,160,100,000  
Avalanche Stabilis. 67,400,000,000  
the Fund 1,702,013,944,475  
Bank notes in circulation 2,062,280,475,003  
Current accounts and deposits 133,680,000,277

—United Press.

## Free World Leads Steel Production

(From Our Correspondent)

New York, Dec. 30. The non-Communist nations hold a 3-to-1 edge in steel production over the Communist bloc, according to Iron Age, national metalworking weekly.

U. S. and non-Communist countries poured an estimated 230.6 million ingot tons of steel this year, compared with about 76.1 million tons produced by Russia, China and other Soviet-bloc countries.

U. S. steel production in 1956 will be about 115 million tons, compared with a reported 55 million tons for Russia. This is better than a 2-to-1 edge for the United States, a comedown from eight years ago, when the ratio was 4.75-to-1. The U. S. margin is still considerable, however—60 million tons.

Long range plans of the end-dominated countries call for a major boost in production. By 1960 non-Communist nations will have ingot capacity of over 300 million tons. Soviet-bloc nations have set their sights on goal of 107 million tons during the same period.

This would give the West 73.7 per cent of world capacity, compared with 70.7 today.

Due largely to the U. S. strike this summer, steel production in the West rose only 4 per cent over 1955, compared with a 10.7 per cent advance for the Soviet-bloc nation.

Percentagewise, the Communists' share of world output rose only from 23 per cent in 1955 to 24.3 per cent in 1956—an increase of 0.1 per cent.

Most of the difference is accounted for in the decline of US production in 1956 amounting to 1.7 per cent from the previous year. Russia meanwhile increased her production from 39.9 tons to 55 million tons, an advance of 10.1 per cent, according to Iron Age.—United Press.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

New York, Dec. 30. Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$474,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

	Buyers	Sellers	Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Shares
BANKS						
HK Bank	1,000		10	1,000		10
East Asia	246		1	246		1
INSURANCES						
Union			950			
SHIPPING						
Wheelpocks (O)	7 1/2	7 3/4	8,000	7 1/2	7 3/4	8,000
(N)	8 1/2	9 1/2	30,000	8 1/2	9 1/2	30,000
DOCKS, ETC.						
K. Wharf	92		1	92		1
Dock	13 1/2	13 1/2	40	1000	1000	40
LAND, ETC.						
HK Hotel	15	18.20	1,000	15	18.10	1,000
HK Land	1,35	1.40	6,000	1,35	1.35	6,000
RUBBER						
Amax	13 1/2	1.85	50,000	13 1/2	1.85	50,000
UTILITIES						
Tram	23 40	23.00	1,000	23 40	23.00	1,000
Star Ferry	139	142	200	139	141	200
Yau Ma Tei	103	103	400	103	103	400
C. Light (O)	23 50	23.00	100	23 50	23.00	100
Electric	31 1/2	31 1/2	1000	31 1/2	31 1/2	1000
Macau E.	8.30		1	8.30		1
Telephone	24.00	23	100	24.00	23	100
INDUSTRIALS						
Cement	30 1/2	30 1/2	500	30 1/2	30 1/2	500
STORES, ETC.						
Dairy	13 20	13 40	200	13 20	13 40	200
Watson	13 30		1	13 30		1
COTTONS						
Textile	4.30		1	4.30		1
Nanyang	7	7.10	2000	7	7.05	2000
INVESTMENTS						
Vanguard	6		1	6		1
Allied			4.90			4.90

## Exchange Rates

(Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U. S. dollar (per \$1) 6.13  
Sterling notes (per £1) 10.00  
Australian notes (per £1) 12.00  
Canadian dollar (per 100) 27.00  
Swiss franc (per 100) 27.00  
Singapore (Straits) 1.80

## WALL STREET MAKES LATE RECOVERY

By ELMER WALTER

New York, Dec. 30. Wall Street took last week's three trading days to put its financial houses in order. There was a spurt in trading. Daily average volume rose to 2,556,946 shares, well up from the previous week's 2,252,915 shares, and the largest daily average since May 11 when it was 2,570,086 shares.

The net result was an irregular gain. Industrials closed the week at 496.41 up 2.03, on the week and up 23.03 for the month of December; rails 158.56 off 0.14 and up 1.67; utilities 88.32 up 0.07 and up 1.91; and 65 stocks up 0.01 and up 1.67.

Individual stocks were strong, notably Lukens which gained 8 1/4 points.

There were 1,378 issues traded of which 602 advanced, 689 declined and 188 unchanged. A total of 47 issues made now high for the year.

The market failed to get through the 500-level again and traders doubted it would do so decisively in the last remaining session. However, many said the market was still in good physical condition and given a respite from evening up operations it might accomplish its immediate objective of the 500-level in the industrial department.—United Press.

## Rails Behind

Rails are well behind the other sections on the year. To date their average is down 8.78 points from the 1955 close while industrials are up 8.01 points and utilities up 3.16 points.

Oil shares featured the market as a group on the up-side. Gulf gained 7 1/4, in the internationals, Amoco featured

## NAMESAKES

Answers—1. Shorthand, 2. Pencil, 3. Reform, 4. Spelling, 5. Sound, 6. Phrase, 7. Teach, 8. Vocabulary, 9. Phonography, 10. Dictate, 11. Invention, 12. Memoranda, 13. Change, 14. Dictionary.

Sir Isaac Pitman (Inventor of Shorthand).

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## WING LUNG BANK

We take pleasure to announce that as from 1st January, 1957 our business will be carried on under the name of

## WING LUNG BANK, LIMITED

which has been incorporated to take over our business as a going concern under the same policy as at present.

## WING LUNG BANK

December 31, 1956.





# CHINA MAIL

SHEAFFERS



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1956.

## ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Chan Wan-Kit, 22, unemployed, of 102 Hillwood Road, third floor, who was originally charged with impersonating a Police officer, was this morning additionally charged on two counts of larceny from the person and larceny by trick, before Mr F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was offered bail of \$2,000 or seven days remand in gaol custody.

Mr d'Almada fixed the date for hearing for January 28 at 2.30 p.m.

## Prison For Triad Society Man

A 23-year-old car cleaner, Chan Har, of 207 Hillwood Road, first floor, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy this morning for being a member of an unlawful society.

He was cautioned on a second charge of possessing instruments fit for unlawful purpose, and he was fined \$300 or two months' imprisonment for breach of a \$300 bond.

In addition, he was ordered to be placed under Police supervision for two years after serving the prison term.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at P.O.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere, which are longer than those shown in the P.O.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered airmail are approximately one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

Holiday Postage  
Tomorrow, January 1, 1957, the post offices at the Victoria, Kowloon, Kowloon Central and Shamshui Po Post Offices will open from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wanchai from 10 a.m. to noon.

The box offices at the Victoria and Kowloon Central Post Offices will open from 9 a.m. to noon, and Shamshui Po from 9 a.m. to noon.

The box office at the Kowloon Central Post Office will be closed.

There will be one general delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31  
By Air

Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

Beijing, 9 p.m.; Peking, 10 p.m.; Peiping, Shanghai, Kunming, Hainan, 9 p.m.

By Surface

Thailand, 9 p.m.; Macao, 4 p.m.; China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Present For Elizabeth

THE wife was in bed and asleep, when her husband came back. She woke him, he fumbled for light switches, and stumbled about the furnished room that was, in their middle-age, their home. Half fearful the wife, whose name was Elizabeth, waited to see what her husband's next move would be. There were times when he came home drunk and foul-tempered. There were other times when...

"Got a present for you," said Arthur. "I picked them."

"Oh, Alan," Elizabeth said, "and I thought you'd finished with that sort of thing."

"Oh, shut up," he said.

Alan was at work when the police called. They found the bits of costume jewellery, though Elizabeth had put them into a vase for safekeeping.

"Where did you get these?" the policeman asked. "Oh, I've had them for years," said Elizabeth.

"They're only cheap things."

Elizabeth took the offering, raw without great interest, that it was costume jewellery, and said: "Where did you get it?"

"At the flats," said her husband, whose name was Alan. "Got it at the flats, for you."

### FROM THE FLATS

THERE was something like tenderness in his voice, and in his outstretched hand he held something that glinted under the light.

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### WHY SHOULD I ADMIT?

LOYALTY plus experience made her speak so. She had seen her husband sent to prison before. The policeman went away. But not for long. Soon he was back.

"If you have had these things for years," he said, showing the baubles, "how do you account for their having been stolen from the flats where your husband works?"

"Well, if he wasn't going to admit it why should I?" Elizabeth asked, summoning woman's logic to her aid.

At Clerkenwell court Alan, a greyish, trim man of 51, pleaded guilty to stealing the jewellery, valued at £18. Elizabeth, standing beside him in the dock, looking older than her 47 years, pleaded not guilty to receiving the gowans.

### DIFFERENT DOORS

ALAN was sent from the court while the case against Elizabeth was heard. At its conclusion, Mr E. G. Robey, the magistrate, said:

"It has to be proved that at the time you received these goods you knew they were stolen. What happens afterwards isn't anything like so important. Nothing like a case of receiving has been made out against you, so the charge is dismissed."

Elizabeth was shown out. Alan shown in. The story of his past was told—from his boyhood days in Liverpool, through the good days when he did well in the Merchant Navy, to the bad, when he took to drinking bouts and crime—he had nine previous convictions for dishonesty. He was sent to prison for three months.

Wife and husband left the court by different doors, to different destinations. The strain upon their marriage was fearful. The way of their going suggested their marriage would survive.

### Exceeded The Speed Limit

Two lorry drivers were each fined \$50 or seven days for speeding by Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Sub-Inspector J. P. Wilson told the Court that the first defendant, To Puck-ching of 428 Prince Edward Road, ground floor, was speeding on September 29 along Prince Edward Road from Fuk Lo Chuen Road to Pentland Street, exceeding the limit of 20 miles an hour by 10 to 12 miles an hour.

The second defendant, Chong Kong-chung of 612 Shanghai Street, first floor, was also speeding along Prince Edward Road on October 3 from the junction of Waterloo Road to the railway bridge. His speed was 23 to 27 miles per hour.

### Quarry Manager Faces Charges

One final word of praise must go to the designer of the printed programme. He provided us with a wealth of valuable and interesting information. Such a programme is, to a member of the audience, well worth the time and effort spent on its construction.

The performance was given in aid of the Boys and Girls Club Association. A repeat performance will be given on December 29 at 8 p.m. in the Chinese Methodist Church, Kowloon.

The Magistrate fixed hearing for January 10 and 25 at 2.30 p.m.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"How about a really big New Year's celebration, Lucille? Then I can get disgusted and keep my resolution!"

## HOSPITAL CRITICISED BY COUNSEL

Defence Counsel in a murder trial at the Criminal Sessions suggested this morning that the treatment of a man who died in Kowloon Hospital showed "disgraceful negligence on the part of the hospital."

Mr Terence Shurlock, defending an 18-year-old odd job coolie, Leung Kuen, on a murder charge, made the remark during cross-examination of Dr Henry Lee, medical officer at the Hospital.

Leung was alleged to have stabbed Ng Koon-kuu, a factory worker, in the neck and back on August 1. Ng died from the neck wound, which turned septic, 12 days later.

Mr M. Morley-John, Crown-Counsel, is prosecuting. Leung is defended by Mr. J. C. Wilman, of Johnson, Stoker and Master. Answering questions by Mr Shurlock, Dr. Lee said he was qualified to practise on December 1955.

In reply to more queries, witness said he examined Ng Koon-kuu on August 1. Ng was suffering from a neck wound and two wounds in the back. In his opinion, the back wounds had no connection with the death of the deceased.

### CLOSED WOUND

Dr Lee said he did not suture the neck wound at the time because he feared that infection might occur. The patient was detained in hospital until August 3. Before his discharge, he (witness) closed the neck wound. His general condition was good.

He gave the patient an antibiotic injection before his discharge.

Asked if the neck wound was such that it was a danger to life, Dr Lee said it was not a mortal wound at the time. In general, however, a wound on the neck was dangerous because of its position and depth.

Further questioned, witness said the anti-biotics used was penicillin. His senior colleague at first thought of transferring the patient to Lai Chi Kok Hospital, but when it was found that his condition was good, he having received anti-biotics for three days—it was decided to discharge him.

Dr Lee said the patient was told that he should return to the hospital if he had any complaints.

### VARYING RESPONSE

Witness agreed with Counsel that not everyone responded the same way to the same kind of anti-biotics. He agreed further that it was possible to ascertain the type of anti-biotics suitable for a particular person. This was done by obtaining a specimen of the wounded person's pus and examining it.

In the present case, the patient did not have any pus on the outside of the wound. After his death, a post-mortem showed the existence of abscess behind the throat.

Mr Shurlock put it to witness that he did not make a complete diagnosis of the patient's trouble. Dr Lee agreed. He said he had missed that pus in his examination.

Witness agreed that had he been able to get a specimen of the pus and it would have been possible for him to ascertain what type of anti-biotics to which the patient would respond.

Dr Lee denied that this diagnosis had been "highly negligent and highly incompetent". He agreed, however, that there was a chance that the patient might still be alive if a more complete diagnosis had been made.

Further questioned, witness said the deceased died of poisoning of the blood as a result of the wound.

### MOBILISATION

Meanwhile at the Airport Fire Brigade and the R.A.F. Fire Brigade were alerted for the landing of the stricken aircraft. In Kowloon Bay, a fire-float and R.A.F. crash boat stood by, while some doctors from Kowloon Hospital arrived in case of an emergency.

Hugging the Kowloon Hills, Captain Brown brought his plane in low with the nose up to make a beautiful landing with its tyres burning up the runway.

An hour later, after make-shift repairs had been made to the aircraft, it was towed to Kai Tak on August 3, but was told to come back the following morning. Witness said he must have

### DID NOT RESPOND

The second time the patient was admitted to the hospital was on August 3. Dr Lee stated that he was given penicillin and streptomycin until August 12. He did not seem to respond to these, so he was given another anti-biotic.

Witness said such a treatment normally would have been sufficient. Since he did not respond to it, he added, he could address that the hospital had done its best for him.

Mr Shurlock asked the doctor if he was aware that the deceased came to ground 6 miles on August 3, but was told to come back the following morning. Witness said he must have

## No China Mail Tomorrow

There will be no issue of the China Mail tomorrow (New Year's Day), but publication will resume on Wednesday with an early edition.

The South China Morning Post will appear as usual tomorrow, but will not then resume publication until Thursday.

## Radio Hongkong

11.50, Children's Programme, Tales by Todd; 6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.02, BBC Bandstand; 6.30, Band of His Majestys Royal Guards conducted by Major Douglas; 6.45, Classical Requests presented by Aileen Decker; 6.59, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal; The News; 8, Weather Report and Stock Prices; 7.15, Melodeon and Memories (BBCTS); 7.45, Show Business (BBCTS); 8.15, New Year Message. From the Secretary of State for the Colonies: 8.30, BBC News; 8.45, London-Boyd; 8.50, BBC News (BBC); 8.55, New Year Programme; 9, Time Signal; Radio News Reel; 10, "Dance to Your Favourites" conducted by John Gielgud; 10.15, Clifford Curzon (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Anselme Piquard; 10.30, London Robert Helpmann; 10.45, The Goon Show (BBCTS); Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan in "The Man Who Came to Dinner"; 11.15, "Report of last Saturday's broadcast"; 11.30, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal; Radio News Reel; 11.15, "Dance to Your Favourites" conducted by John Gielgud; 11.30, "John's Cathedral Hymn out the Old Year"; 12, Midnight, New Year Chimes; 12.15, "Auld Lang Syne" New Year Wishes; 12.30, New Year's Eve; 12.45, New Year Round Party; 12.55, Close Down.

## REDIFFUSION

2.30, Variety, Call the Weather Report and Weather Forecast; 3, Musical Matinee, featuring Erol Germer and the Art Ensemble; 3.30, "Music by Dame Wigandt"; 3.45, "Guest Stars"; 4, "By Request"; 4.15, "Popular Tunes"; 4.30, "Strictly Instrumental"; 5, Children's Corner—Stories of the World, conducted by Dr. John Gielgud; 5.15, "The Monday Matinee"; 6, "Le Musique Francaise", presented by Jeanette Piry; 6.30, "The Top in Popular Music"; 6.45, "Time Signal and the Weather Report"; 6.45, "Weather Report and Announcements"; 7.15, Benny Goodman Show; 7.30, "Music with Fisher"; 8, "Singing Stars"; 8.15, "Talk-Back for Tomorrow"; 8.30, "Personal Parade"; 8.45, "Gary Crosby"; 8.55, "The Works of G. K. Chesterton"; 9.15, "I Know What I Like"; 9.30, "Music with Mervyn Barlow"; 10.15, "New Year's Eve Frolics"; 10.30, "The Morgan Concert"; 10.45, "Night and Day"; 11, "Anthony and the Orchestra"; 11, "New Year's Eve Party"; 12, "Popular Dance Music"; 12.15, "Music from the West End"; 12.30, "I Love You, You Love Me"; 12.45, "The Last Waltz"; 12.55, "Close Down".

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